

BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

FEBRUARY 27, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. NEWTON of Minnesota, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12344]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 12344, a bill to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the bridge of the Valley Transfer Railway Co., a corporation, across the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota, having considered the same, report thereon with amendments and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 7, page 1, strike out the words "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation" and insert in lieu thereof the words "between Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, Minn."

Line 9, page 1, insert before the word "hereof" the words "of approval."

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 24, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 12344, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, "To extend the time for the commencement and completion of the bridge of the Valley Transfer Railway Co., a corporation, across the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota," if amended as indicated in red thereon.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
Washington, February 25, 1925.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 19, inclosing a copy of H. R. 12344 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill merely provides for extending for periods of one and three years, respectively, the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge of the Valley Transfer Railway Co., previously authorized to be constructed by act of Congress approved January 30, 1924, across the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota. This bill appears to relate to a railroad bridge, and therefore is without objection from the standpoint of this department.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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